

Menomonie Police Department

2016 Annual Report



Chief's Welcome: Looking Towards the Future



On behalf of the
Menomonie
Police

Department I'm
pleased to
present the 2016
Annual Report.

The MPD

continued to

utilize the procedural justice paradigm of policing in 2016. Through procedural justice the MPD incorporated problem and community oriented policing strategies. This report will discuss some of the projects and programs that were undertaken in 2016. Additionally, this report will provide quantitative data that was acquired during the year.

I would like to take a moment to thank the men and women of the Menomonie Police Department for their professionalism and willingness to adapt to the needs of the community we serve. We wouldn't have been successful without their dedicated service. Finally, I would like to thank the Mayor and City Council for the support they have shown for the MPD.

Eric M. Atkinson, Police Chief

The MPD continuously strives to meet the dynamic social needs of our community through innovative and collaborative efforts. Through careful analysis the department identified several areas of concentration.

Problem Oriented Policing Practices

To further develop problem oriented policing practices teams of officers were assigned to one of four separate geographic districts within the City of Menomonie. The officers were required to meet with the residents of each district to develop policing strategies that addressed public safety issues. Officers will follow-up with residents in the districts at the end of the year to determine if the strategies adequately addressed the identified issues. This program is the first of its kind initiated by the Menomonie Police Department.

Special Victims Investigations/Response

The United States generally has focused the criminal justice system on the offender. The goal was to punish the offender in hopes of deterring him/her from re-offending.

New Hire Training

As our society evolves so must law enforcement. In previous years, the MPD has utilized a formalized field training program for new hires. The program requires constant numerical evaluation of new hires relating to identified categories and tasks. Little emphasis was placed on problem solving, teamwork and engagement. Due to those concerns, the MPD explored various strategies that will improve our new hire training. The decision was made to convert our current field training program into a 15-week system designed to incorporate adult learning styles along with community/problem oriented policing philosophies. The new training program will provide a foundation for life-long learning and prepare new hires for the complexities of 21st Century policing. Our first new hire to experience the program will occur in May of 2017.

NEW FACES, SAME GREAT SERVICE

The MPD hired several officers in 2016 to replace former employees that left the department. The MPD hired the following officers:



James Gates

James Gates was hired by the MPD to serve as a patrol officer on January 1, 2016. James began his patrol services on May 9, 2016 after he graduated

from the Police Recruit Academy held at the Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire, WI.

James is a life-long Menomonee resident, and graduated from the Menomonee High School in 2013. He played outside linebacker, on scholarship, for the North Dakota State University football team for two years before transferring to UW-Stout to pursue his education in Criminal Justice/Vocational Rehabilitation. James resumed his studies in 2016 to complete his degree.

In his spare time, James enjoys hunting, fishing and rooting for the Green Bay Packers. James continues to live in Menomonee and give back to the community that has supported him throughout his youth.



Aaron Galindo

The Menomonee Police Department hired Aaron Galindo June of 2016. Aaron began his patrol services on October 24, 2016 after

he graduated from Police Recruit Academy at the Western Technical College in Sparta, WI. Additionally, he recently received his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice with a Minor in Spanish and International Relations from the UW-Platteville. Aaron is fluent in Spanish and looks forward to working with our Hispanic population to maintain his language skills in a professional setting.

Aaron is originally from the Colby, WI area and graduated from Colby High School in 2012. When he is not working at the MPD he serves as a Sergeant/Combat Engineer for the Army National Guard in the 273rd Engineer Company. In his free time he enjoys international travel and any type of outdoor activity.



DaMarcus Zeroth

The Menomonee Police Department hired DaMarcus Zeroth on September 1, 2016. DaMarcus completed his Police Recruit Academy at the

Chippewa Valley Technical College in May of 2016.

DaMarcus grew up in River Falls, WI and graduated from River Falls High School in 2013. He is currently finishing his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice/Vocational Rehabilitation at UW-Stout.

DaMarcus currently lives in Menomonee and in his spare time he enjoys jet skiing, watching football (especially the Chicago Bears) and spending time with his family, friends and his Pug dog named Roscoe.

EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES

Evidence based practices are programs/projects (EBP) that are scientifically proven by sociologists to be effective. The MPD embraces evidence based practices with the intent to deliver improved services that have verified efficacy. The MPD has initiated EBP's on its own and through the Dunn County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council.

Lethality Assessment Program

In 2016, the MPD implemented the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence's (MNADV) Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) in partnership with the Bridge to Hope. The LAP is an evidence based lethality assessment tool developed by the MNADV in collaboration with Johns Hopkins University. The LAP consists of eleven questions that gauge the likelihood a victim of intimate partner domestic violence will become the victim of a homicide. If the victim assesses at a high level for lethality a protocol is activated requiring the investigating officer contact the Bridge to Hope to have an advocate speak to the victim. Once the victim speaks to the advocate he/she may follow the plans set in place to enhance his/her safety. The plans may include, but are not limited to staying in a shelter/hotel, restraining orders, safety plans, etc. At the time of this publication the LAP has been in use for a little over a year. The Bridge to Hope has seen a dramatic increase in victim services that helped improve the safety of men and women throughout our community. The MPD will continue to use this evidence based practice in 2017.

Law Enforcement Proxy

In 2016, the MPD implemented the Law Enforcement Proxy (LEP). The LEP is an evidence based assessment tool that determines an offender's risk levels. Offenders are evaluated upon three criteria:

- Current Age
- Age at First Arrest
- Number of Prior Arrests

Each question is given a certain point value. Depending upon the answer the offender is given the following Risk Level Classification:

- Low Risk
- Medium Risk
- High Risk

Studies have shown if a low risk offender is placed within the criminal justice system with a medium and/or high risk offender they have a greater likelihood of recidivating. Additionally, studies have shown low risk offenders do not need a tremendous amount of services. Due to those studies the MPD implemented LEP to divert low risk offenders out of the criminal justice system. Low risk offenders are referred to the Dunn County District Attorney's Pre-Charge Diversion Program. Once in the program the offenders must complete community service and an educational video about the ramifications of criminal activity. The LEP and the Diversion Program helps the MPD and Dunn County focus criminal justice resources on medium and high risk offenders. Ultimately, the program will provide better outcomes for our community and help minimize criminal activity.

CHIEF'S OFFICE

In 2016, CPS Long worked throughout the year to complete projects to enhance public safety services and community outreach.

Events

- Coordinated 5+ Coffee with a Cop events
- Organized Community forums for the City in partnership with the Dunn County Partnership for Youth
- Organized self-defense classes with Officer Bergh in Spring 2016, Summer 2016, Fall 2016
- Assisted with National Night Out event coordination
- Organized Shop with a Cop event (multiple agencies)
- 3 Scams & Identity Theft presentations
- Boy Scout presentation in Jan. 2016- Crime Prevention and Fingerprinting (merit badge counselor)
- Home Security presentation at the Library

Coordinated programs:

- 'Cops 4 Kids' program development (Shop with a Cop/back to school shopping)
- Business Watch program
- TIPS
- Oversight of the VIPS program (includes Traffic Tamers). In 2016, the VIPS program logged 133.5 hours
- ATACRaids program implementation and development
- Continued social media use and program development: Menomonie's Most Wanted; Friday Finders; "Tweet-a-long"
- Began research for a DVRT (Domestic Violence Response Team) program.

- Wrote articles for the Dunn County News ("Beyond the Badge"):

Internet Safety; Mental Health Crisis response; Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design; New Officer Spotlight (Gates); EC Regional SWAT Team; National Night Out; Meet the Neighborhoods; New Officer Spotlight (Zeroth); New Officer Spotlight (Galindo); Shop with a Cop

- Wrote & received grants from Community Foundation, Noon & Sunrise Rotary
- Wrote for an IACP Community Policing Award – top ten & COPS Office Community Policing in Action photo contest- Semi-finalist

Meetings/Training

- Background investigations
- Northwoods Coalition meeting (DCPFY)
- Crime Analysis
- Wisconsin Crime Prevention Practitioners' Association Annual meeting

Member of several boards & coalitions

- CJCC- Data Workgroup, EBDM
- Arbor Place/Dunn County Partnership for Youth- Community Action Team; DCPFY Advisory Board member; on TIPS and Marijuana short-term action teams
- Sexual Violence Coalition (UW-Stout)
- Chancellor's Coalition for Alcohol & Drugs (UW-Stout)
- Coordinated Community Response Team

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The MPD continued utilizing a procedural justice paradigm while maintaining a strong community oriented policing approach in 2016. Thanks to Crime Prevention Specialist Brenna Long and the other dedicated staff of the MPD a variety of programs/projects were developed. Some of the programs/projects included, but were not limited to:

Coffee with a Cop: This program began in 2015 and is aimed at community outreach and building relationships. Officers and local coffee shops collaborated to offer a place for citizens to meet with officers, enjoy a cup of coffee and interact in a casual environment. 2016 locations included Caribou Coffee, Golden Leaf Café, the Menomonie Public Library, Menomonie Market Food Co-op, and Acoustic Café. The program will continue throughout 2017.



Volunteers in Policing (VIPS): This program began in 2016. This program utilizes volunteer resources to bolster police department services. Activities performed by VIPs include clerical, mechanical, educational and crime prevention assistance. This also includes our Traffic Tamers (citizen speed watch) program.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH: NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

2016 was the third year that MPD hosted a National Night Out event. For the second year, it was held in the Cedar Corporation parking lot and featured vehicle displays from five different public safety agencies along with children’s activities relating to health and safety, including a coloring contest, fingerprinting and a Bike Rodeo. A silent auction raised over \$700 for the Bridge to Hope.



Above & Below: Officers were on hand to give tours of department vehicles and equipment.



Above: Volunteers from the Police Explorers program ran coloring and fingerprinting activities

Left & Below: Bike Patrol officers led kids in a ‘bike rodeo’, a bicycle safety course.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH : COPS 4 KIDS

This program was developed after the success of the MPD's first Shop with a Cop program, where 16 children in need were paired with officers to shop for necessities. This also involved participation and support from the UW-Stout PD, DUSO and Dunn County Human Services. This program will oversee the coordination of a back-to-school shopping event in the fall of 2017 as well.

Business sponsors include: Bremer Bank, ConAgra Foods, Culver's Frozen Custard, Dairy State Bank, McDonald's, Royal Credit Union, Wal-Mart, and Wal-Mart D.C.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH *2016 snapshots*



Above: Officer Gates poses after giving a youngster a department tour.



Top right: Officer Gilbertson gives a local Cub Scout pack a tour of the department.

Middle right: Officers Hamann and Brutlag pose after playing a quick game of Wiffle Ball with some neighborhood children.



Bottom right: Officer Bergh talks to a self defense class.

Below: CPS Long poses with Chief Deputy Marshall Multhaupt to display the 'Online Transaction Safe Place' signage.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH *2016 snapshots*



Above: Inv. Switlick and Bike Patrol officers led the 2016 MHS Homecoming parade.

Right: Sgt. Mroczenski talks about evidence processing with the 2016 Citizen's Police Academy



Left: Inv. Pollock shows some children the squad car at the Community Cookout.

Right: Officer Folczyk gives two students a ride to school on the first day (a coloring contest prize).



Left: Officer Bakken shows squad equipment to a group of children.

Right: Officer Pugmire speaks with a group of kindergarteners about what it's like to be a police officer.



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

The Criminal Investigations Bureau (CIB) is supervised by Commander Rick Hollister.

- General Investigator Kelly Pollock
- Drug Investigator Daniel Westlund
- Youth Services Officer (YSO) Maloree Switlick

The bureau is responsible for investigating felony crimes and all crimes against children. The bureau also provides oversight for the Forensic Computer Crimes Laboratory (FCCL). The FCCL is comprised of two officers trained in computer forensic science:

- Officer Jeremy Wilterdink
- YSO Maloree Switlick

The officers of the FCCL also provide assistance to other law enforcement agencies in processing computers and other digital devices. The MPD provides all computer forensic services for the Dunn County Sheriff's Office per agreement.

YSO: Maloree Switlick

As the newly assigned YSO, a majority of my time is spent in the Menomonie High School. My job duties include responding to each school in the City of Menomonie and responding to calls such as mental complaints, fights, child abuse cases, and juvenile sexual assaults. I also spend a fair amount of time speaking to different classes. Some of the classes I've spoken in are:

- CPR class
- Freshman Health Class discussing alcohol, drugs, and tobacco
- Auto Mechanics Class discussing modifying

vehicles and what is legal

- Civics Class discussing search and seizure procedures and the 4th Amendment
- A class about Methamphetamine on Meth Awareness Day.

Some of the more important cases I have worked on since being in this position are:

-Child Neglect: I investigated a child neglect case where Kristine Buttke and Michael Johnson were arrested for Child Neglect, Child Abuse, and Causing Mental Harm to a Child. Both subjects were locking the child in a room forcing him to defecate on the floor, making him eat outside, and forcing him to stay in the basement. That child is currently with a foster family.

-Child Pornography: Joseph Johnson was arrested for multiple counts of Possession of Child Pornography after working with Probation and Parole on the investigation. P&P turned over multiple cell phones belonging to Johnson as those were in violation of his parole rules. Johnson admitted to possibly having child pornography on those phones. Search warrants were drafted for his phones and his home where multiple images of child pornography were located and two children from Italy were identified through NCMEC.

Johnson also had numerous laptops, external hard drives, iPads, and an entire server in his home. Those items were sent to DCI-Madison for assistance in review. Johnson was also recently revoked on his parole for another four years two months and 12 days in prison. This case is currently in the court process for further charges.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU CONTINUED

DRUG: Daniel Westlund

2016 marked my second year in the position of drug investigator assigned to the West Central Drug Task Force. During the course of 2016 I conducted numerous drug investigations throughout the West Central jurisdiction resulting in a collective 337 arrests in the city of Menomonie alone. Some of the more notable cases are highlighted below:

-Arrest of David York Kruchten in Chippewa County. York-Kruchten has been a Menomonie meth distributor for years and is currently headed to prison.

-Arrest and subsequent Federal Indictment of Pheng Vang (aka Penguin) for meth distribution. Vang has been distributing meth in the Menomonie and surrounding areas for years and could face 10 or more years in Federal Prison.

-Arrest and subsequent Federal Indictment of Jason Weller and crew for distribution of THC in the Dunn and Eau Claire County areas. Upon arrest, several vehicles were seized.

-Elissa Mance and Nicole Xiong were arrested for bringing over 3 grams of Heroin into Menomonie. Xiong would then deliver .3 additional grams to Dunn County inmates three days later, which she had smuggled into the jail using a body cavity.

-Brian Pederson and Jennifer Komp were arrested attempting to sell over 20 grams of meth in the City of Menomonie and both received significant jail time.

-Justin Schmidt was arrested for selling meth and received 7 years in prison.

-Corrine Osborne and Ian Esterly were arrested for selling MDMA to UW Stout College students. Upon arrest, a large quantity of additional MDMA was located as well as THC, steroids, and cocaine.

-Ryan Boigenzahn who was a Dunn County Jailer, was accused and subsequently arrested for, sexual assault of an inmate by correctional staff and is awaiting trial.

Methamphetamine use and sales continue to be a large problem in the Menomonie and surrounding areas. The use of and sales continue to contribute to the property crimes affecting the Menomonie area.

Towards the end of 2016, heroin began to grow in popularity as we have seen overdoses and deaths resulting from the use.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU CONTINUED

GENERAL: Kelly Pollock

The general investigator position has continued to deal with many fraud and theft cases throughout 2016.

Walmart has experienced ongoing theft by several groups of individuals not only victimizing our local Walmart, but other Walmart stores in Wisconsin. Some of these subjects in these groups have been identified; however, in other cases the suspects continue to commit thefts, without being caught or identified.

There seems to be a rise in Counterfeit money being intentionally passed at convenience stores. There have been several cases in which counterfeit \$100 bills as well as counterfeit \$20 bills had been passed. In several of the cases, the group of people have been traveling to various locations in Menomonie. Although there is video of the person's passing the bills, we have not been able to identify the suspects.

One instance of Counterfeit bill passing began in the City of Boyceville, in which the person passing the bills was located and arrested. A search warrant was conducted in the suspects home with more counterfeit money. Several counterfeit bills bearing the same serial number were passed in the City of Menomonie also.

I have also spent a significant amount of time investigating several sexual assaults that were reported to our department throughout the year. Of these assaults, several suspects were able to be charged out and are awaiting further court proceedings.

Investigator Westlund (West Central Drug Task Force) and I have teamed up to work on several cases together that include:

- Kristina Hallquist, who died of a mixed toxicity drug overdose. After multiple interviews and review of the evidence, it was determined that Hallquist had committed suicide.
- I also assisted Boyceville Police Department with a death investigation involving Kenneth Burris. Burris's death investigation is ongoing and is being headed by Boyceville Police Department.

I also handled several juvenile cases. One of the most notable ones happened after the juvenile reported to her school that her step father had been sexually assaulting her. A joint effort between patrol, myself, and human services lead to the peaceful arrest of the suspect. A search warrant was conducted at the home and Dunn County Human Services ensured that the children were safe with their mother.

OPERATIONS BUREAU

The Operations Bureau (OB) is supervised by Commander Todd Swartz. The OB consists of four patrol sergeants and 17 patrol officers. The OB is responsible for all patrol functions, community oriented policing strategies, problem oriented policing strategies and training. Within the OB there are a variety of people who possess specialized skills not found in every department. Officers are skilled in evidence collecting/processing, defensive/arrest tactics, firearms, less-lethal weapons, professional communications, vehicle contacts/pursuits, etc.

The OB was very active in a variety of community related events along with traditional law enforcement activities. Some of these events are, but not limited to:

- The MPD held its third annual National Night Out event in collaboration with various neighboring law enforcement agencies. Some of the activities provided by the officers were squad tours, a bike rodeo and finger printing.
- The OB continued the successful Citizen Academy Program in the Fall of 2016.
- The OB with the collaboration of the Crime Prevention Specialist participated in the Coffee with a Cop Program, held at various businesses within the city. Members of the OB, CIB, and the Office of Chief participated in the program.
- MPD officers attached to the regional SWAT Team participated in a large-scale disaster

event known as Miles Paratus at Ft. McCoy. The department conducted tours for various community groups such as Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, 4-H etc. and presentations to classrooms in private and public schools.

- Officer Bergh conducted several self-defense classes for the public.
- Officers participated in various community events throughout the year such as the Community Cookout, United Way Carnival, WinterDaze Parade, etc.

Notable traditional law enforcement activities from 2016 include:

- The MPD solved a burglary in progress when an officer witnessed a vehicle leaving an apartment that he had conducted a traffic stop on. He realized items in the car had been taken from the apartment shortly after the victim returned home and reported it. His investigation led to the arrest of the suspect and a return of the items.
- The MPD received a call from a Veterans Hotline indicating that they had been in contact with a suicidal veteran who was threatening to stab himself. An officer was able to establish phone contact confirming the subject to be extremely suicidal and emotionally erratic. Officers were eventually able to physically locate the subject and maintaining phone contact convince him to drop the knife and he was taken into custody and placed into protective custody.

OPERATIONS BUREAU Continued

- Officers responded to a truck that swerved off the roadway on North Broadway and struck the business sign for Smithery II Jewelry. The driver was unresponsive and had a small child in the vehicle. Officers recognized the driver from numerous contacts and were able to use this information to discern the driver was under the influence of drugs at the time of the accident. After the driver was medically cleared he was arrested for OWI Causing Injury with a Minor in the Vehicle.
- An officer observed a vehicle operating southbound on North Broadway at a speed in excess of 80 mph. The vehicle struck a van operating in the same direction causing it to roll twice. The operator fled the scene in his vehicle, which was later located. Officers were able to locate a witness which provided the necessary information to arrest the suspected driver for OWI Hit and Run Causing Injury.
- In September officers were dispatched to a report of an intoxicated person shooting off a shotgun. Officers from the day and night shift responded, setting a perimeter around the block and obtained additional intelligence about who was living at the residence. Officers were able to determine the call was allegedly placed from a phone number of a female who used to reside at the residence, but was no longer there. Officers were able to make contact with the female at her new residence. They learned that she was on an internet chat room earlier in the morning and was being harassed by some anonymous people that she claimed not to know. One of those people were able to tell her personal information concerning herself that she had not disclosed. The female was threatened in the chat room that "they" were going to "SWAT" her, and have the police come to her house. While we were able to learn that no threat actually existed this incident proved that "SWATTING", or directing large amounts of police and emergency service resources to a falsely reported incident can happen anywhere.
- Officers were able to locate a missing seven-year-old child, diagnosed with autism. They canvassed the neighborhood while they activated the CART Team. A short time later they located the child inside of someone else's residence just down the street.



NOTABLE 2016 CASES *Collaborative efforts between the OB and CIB*

Many cases involve collaborative efforts between the OB and CIB. Several of the notable cases where this occurred in 2016 are listed below:

- Officers responded to a deceased person, identified as Ricky Hible laying in a yard. Hible had been located on the West side of 9th Street, hunched over on his knees, and sitting in a pool of blood. Initially, this appeared to be suspicious. The officers on that shift were deeply involved in the investigation which included evidence collection, photographs, scene reconstruction, interviews, and scene security.

Inv. Pollock and Inv. Westlund completed the death investigation and it was revealed that no foul play was present. Hible had been intoxicated and had fallen into a glass kiosk located in front of a church on the East side of 9th Street. During that fall, a major artery had been severed by the broken glass. Hible was able to run across 9th Street, where he collapsed and passed away.

- Officers responded to a domestic disturbance at 21st Avenue East and upon arrival were greeted at the door by Lucas Ruhl. Ruhl advised he had a verbal altercation with his girlfriend, but she had left. Officers smelled an odor of marijuana coming from the residence. A search warrant was drafted and executed and resulted in seizure of marijuana, methamphetamine, approx. \$17,000 in cash and a Cadillac STS.
- More than one allegation of possible child sexual assault led in one case to the arrest and charges with numerous felonies including 1st degree sexual assault of a child . A joint effort

between patrol, Inv. Pollock, and human services lead to the peaceful arrest of the suspect. A search warrant was conducted at the home and Dunn County Human Services ensured that the children were safe with their mother.

- Officers were dispatched to a fight in front of Topper's Pizza. Upon arrival it was noticed that the subject, later identified as Hussain Alnahdi, appeared to be unconscious and bleeding around the nose and mouth area. Officers on scene were able to gather some information from by-standers, many of which were uncooperative or too intoxicated to be cooperative. After being airlifted to a hospital in Eau Claire, the subject succumbed to his injuries.

The case was turned over to Inv. Pollock and pulled resources from Inv. Westlund, YSO Switlick, Officer Wilterdink, Officer King, Crime Prevention Specialist Brenna Long, and Records Custodian Meghan Cartmill in addition to multiple patrol officers. This case brought in a large quantity of investigative leads which were split amongst different investigators. The UW-Stout Police Department offered up Detective Don Gjestson and Dunn County Sheriff's Office provided Inv. Brett Kohnke to assist with the large quantity of follow up required. Through this case, Inv. Pollock had multiple contacts and conversations with the victim's family in Saudi Arabia. Evidence was gathered and interviews were completed, which helped to identify the offender in the case. Despite an arrest being made, more information continues to pour in with this case, thus it is ongoing.

2016 STATISTICS

Incidents:

The MPD responded to a total of 12,987 incidents in 2016. This was an approximately decrease of 3% compared to 2015.

The Menomonie Police Department responded to an average of 35.58 incidents per day in 2016. Incidents are primarily handled by patrol officers working either a twelve (12) hour day or night shift. Each shift is staffed with three (3) to five (5) officer that may include a sergeant. Staffing is contingent based upon workload needs and officer availability.

Offense	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012-2016 avg
Murder	0	0	0	0	1	0
Rape	4	4	5	4	7	4
Robbery	4	2	2	2	0	1
Aggravated Assault	19	19	32	21	24	23
Simple Assault	48	67	87	66	53	63
Burglary	68	60	58	59	41	54
Theft	370	370	351	354	328	350
Motor Vehicle Theft	12	11	12	12	11	12
Arson	0	1	0	1	0	0

Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted in 2016

Assaults against Menomonie Police Officers: 7

Menomonie Police Officers Killed on Duty: None